open country is reached near Lask. From Lask, which is cut by the railway, there run also a half dozen good highways, three of them fanwise to the northwest, west and southwest. They served the Russians admirably, giving them the advantage of interior lines, while the Germans had only the railway embankment. The vanguard of the Russian forces met and stopped the advance on Monday, fighting stubbornly the whole day, while other troops were brought up by road and rail to cope with the new direction of the German attack.

At the conclusion of the day's fighting the advantage remained with the Russians, although their full strength had not then developed. Eighteen miles south of Lask the Russians on Monday repulsed a flank attack of the new German forces which had moved up from Wielun.

German Reinforcements Strong.

It is thus plain that the Germans have put forth extraordinary efforts to recover their position to enable them to push the attack into Poland. Twice they have brought up reinforcements from the west, those officially described as "considerable," which were detected in the neighborhood of Wielun by aviators more than a week ago, and more recently the strong forces sent by rail from the west and attacking from Kalisz toward Sieradz and Lask. A day's march south of Lask is Szczercow, about half way between Wielun, and the high road to Petrokoff. On Sunday the Russians repulsed a de-termined attack by the Germans in this

termined attack by the Germans in the neighborhood.

When the fighting was over for the day the Germans remained in occupa-tion of Szczercow. On Monday the Russians cleared them out, and then discovered that among the forces hold-ing this neighborhood was a brigade of the Prussian Guards, with five bat-terles. Szczercow is now occupied by of the Prussian Guards, with five batteries. Szczerow is now occupied by the Russians. The German retirement is over a country entirely unfavorable for forces reduced to disorder. The roads run in every direction save toward the German rear, and the terrain is much wooded, features which offer precisely the opportunities which the Cossacks thoroughly appreciate nad will certainly make the most of.

Hammer Surrounded Corps.

The German attack in enormous strength upon the Russian left has thus failed, while the Russian centre still is occupied in hammering the par-

still is occupied in hammering the par-tially surrounded corps into surrender by heavy cannonading, which has al-ready continued for three days.

On the Russian right a success has been scored in an attack directed north-ward from Lowicz. From the west the Germans developed a strong attack on Monday in concert with the out-flanking movement carried out fifty miles further south as already de-scribed. The German from here ran from northeast to southwest astride from northeast to southwest astride the Bzura River. The main efforts were made in the corner formed by the confluence of the Merga with the Bzura at Bielawy, where the hilly ground provides an admirable commanding position for the artillery over the plain. Bielawy is twelve miles west of Lowicz on the high road running through

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The successes of the Russians on the north or right wing are not yet so marked as on the left wing, but the strategic position of both flanks is admirable. The troops have been fighting yesterday and to-day with tenfold ardor in the knowledge that the Emperor is among them. To-day the reinforcements are in positions allotted and to-morrow a bulletin is expected with confidence containing the best possible news for the Allies.

Five Steamers Captured.

On the Vistula, near Plock, the Ruscapture of the four barges previously mentioned, but have now captured five steamboats and one more barge entirely laden with rifle ammunition. The loss of the five steambers engaged in twing heavy barges against the strong current of the Vistula has paralyzed the German arrangements for their supply of ammunition with which they, scas.

On the other hand, shipments of versies between nations of South American and the belligerent countries of could construct submarines abroad, it was thought, would be regarded as a conference for next Tuesday of the governing board of the Pan-American materials which are subject to seizure materials which are subject to seizure materials which are subject to seizure diplomatic representations. sians have not been content with the capture of the four barges previously mentioned, but have now captured five supply of ammunition with which they, seas. especially their artillery, have been so lavish.

The activity of the Russians at Plock, on the right bank of the Vistula, is significant, for the Germans originally planned to march along both banks of the river, and, indeed, reached Plock, on the north bank. As an illustration of the magnitude of the Russian operations, without counting those on the East Prussian front or against the Turks in Armenia, it should be noted that the Grand Duke's dispatch vesterday tells of the capture of three locomotives and trains in Bukovina, 400 miles from Plock.

Germans Lose Heavily at Lowicz.

"The Army Messenger" in a review of the fighting during the period from November 28 to 30 says:
"On the Russo-Prussian frontier the Germans have maintained their fortified positions, and have been making attacks of little importance. These operations were without success, and our survey corre have kent their direct.

army corps have kept their dispo-The German offensive in the region

"The German offensive in the region of Lowicz was repulsed by the advance guards and cavalry, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The same fate befell the German offensive at Dombrevo and Schutsoff.

"On the Thorn-Cracow front the German guard, which attempted the offensive, suffered a serious defeat in the Trzbitz-Bogomiloff district. Our troops took a large number of prisoners, assumed the offensive and captured several important points. Counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

"The Austrian troops defending the approaches to Cracow have been defeated and are falling back in disorder in the region of the fortress.

"On the Galician front we are advancing with ever increasing success."

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SCHWAB QUIZZED ABOUT CONTRACTS

State Department Takes Step to Guard Against Neutrality Violations.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Formal inquiry was made to-day by the United States government of the Bethlehem Steel Company to learn if it intended the construction of submarines for use by any of the belligerent powers of Eu-

nition, horses, motor trucks, shells, and even large guns, is not prohibited by the laws of the American government, and a neutral is not obligated by international law to prevent their shipment, a different attitude is assumed in law toward the building or equipping of a foreign warship on neutral territory.

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According to high officials, the point which will decide the position of the Washington government will be the stage at which the materials to be used in the building of a vessel are delivered to a belligerent. The shipment at one time of all parts of a vessel, even the which is separate current properly representations. though in separate cargoes, probably would be disapproved by the Washing-

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charles M. Schwab, president of the company, and other officials of the concern, in response to an invitation from the State Department, explained orally their position and agreed to submit it in writing in a few days.

The inquiry followed reports that Mr. Schwab obtained contracts aggregating \$100,000,000 for war materials in Europe recently, and it was further rumored that a part of these materials would be for use in the construction of submarines abroad.

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CALL CONFERENCE

KAISER DECORATES GENERAL LIKMAN

London, Dec. 3.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that Emperor William has awarded the Order of Merit to Li.utenant General Likman, commander of the Guards division and military correspondent of the "Tagliche Rundschau," for distinguished service at the battle of Lodz.

LODGE ARGUES FOR A DEFENCE INQUIRY

Living in Midst of a Fighting World Is Reason Enough, Says Senator.

REFUSES TO BELIEVE WILSON IS AVERSE

Will Introduce Resolution Like Representative Gardner's in the Upper House.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Asserting that he could not believe that the administration was opposed to an inquiry into the condition of the army and the navy, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, announced his intention tonight to introduce in the Senate a resolution like Representative Gardner's in the House calling for a national defence investigating commistional defence investigating commis-

Senator Lodge says there is nobody

me and their warships within the threemile limit to stop German operations.

The Chilian government urged that
whatever steps are taken should have
the earnest and united support of all
the American republics.

Originally Great Britain and France
asked the United States to exercise its
good offices with Ecuador and Colombia
to secure a strict observance by those
nations of neutrality obligations.

"The object of the meeting," said
Secretary Bryan to day, "is to consider
what action could be taken that would
tend to relieve neutral countries of the
burdens which the war has placed upon
them."

VAN DYKE SEES WILSON

No Peace Plans Laid by Minister Before President.

[Prom The Tribune Eureau.]

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Fight at Lodz Two Weeks Ago.

London, Dec. 3.—"The Daily Telegraph's" Moscow correspondent in a dispatch describing the recent fighting at Lodz says:

"The town was closely besieged by the Germans on three sides—north, cast and south. The Russian army was as though in a sack, but it railied with great resolution and heroism to a great and difficult task.

"The battle began November 19 and was at its height during November 21 to 23. It became evident on the evening of the 22d that the Russians had gained a victory. The German army, outflanked and pushed from the rearby the Russians, made supreme efforts to pass by Lodz from the east and the south. Severe bayonet fighting occurred in the outskirts of the town. This supreme effort cost the Germans very dear. They lost tens of thousands of men.

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The note of peace was not sounded either by Dr. van Dyke or Henry and Rome, who has just returned from abroad and was another caller on the general situation as he gathered during his trip. Mr. White took the view that suggestions of peace would now accomplish no other purpose than to stir up the resentment of the nations locked in war.

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FRANCIS JOSEPH 66 YEARS A RULER

Austrian Emperor Said To Be in an Alarmingly Feeble

Condition of Health. Condition of Health.

Rome, Dec. 2.—To-day being the sixty-sixth anniversary of Emperor Francis Joseph's accession to the throne of Austria-Hungary, mass was celebrated in the Austrian church here in the presence of the Austrian and German ambassadors and a small contingent of the Austro-Hungarian colony, with the police on hand to prevent any untoward incident.

The "Messagero" says that in Austria the watch of the police over citizens is becoming intolerable. Nobody, the paper adds, was allowed on the streets to-day unless they wore a yellow and black badge as a sign of rejoicing for the imperial anniversary.

London, Dec. 2.—"Truth" says to-day that news has been received privately that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is in a feeble state of health. It is declared that he has failed rapidly in every way since he hurriedly returned to Vienna from Ischl when the war began, and he now is described as being in an advanced state of weakness and depression.

QUEEN AT FRONT

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Governing Board of Pan-American Union to Consider Acts of Belligerents.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Grave controversies between nations of South American and the belligerent countries of Europe led to-day to the calling of a conference for next Tuesday of the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

To this board, which consists of the diplomatic representatives here of twenty American republics, with the seminations of the condition of the national defence is the present condition of the whole people to Lioundant Challes R. Slingsby legitlimacy suit, which is based on the claim and the present condition of the whole people to Lioundant Challes R. Slingsby legitlimacy satirity, which is based on the claim and repease with the present condition of the whole people to Lioundant Challes R. Slingsby legitlimacy suit, which is based on the claim and repease with the present challed and repease with the present challed and a strict and head a strict and the present condition of the mational defence is a the present challed and repease with the present condition of the whole people to Lioundant Challes R. Slingsby legitlimacy suit, which is based on the claim and repease with the same strict and the present challed and repease with the arm and we ask the condition of the whole people to Challed had the present challed and repease with the sum stricts of the feet Charles Slingsby and the facts put by a present condition of national defence."

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Genoa (via Borne), Bec. 2. The American Consul General, Dr. John Edward Jones, has made arrangements with the nuthorities for the free and speedy transportation by rail of the American Christmas, gifts to the orphans of Austria and Germany.

LYDDITE EXPLOSION TAKEN FOR INVASION

Bradford, England, Dec. 2.—A large stock of lyddite exploded to day in chemical works near this city. Six men were killed and many others, injured, Hundrds of windows in Bradford and nearby villages were broken. The pea-ple were in great starm, some of them believing that the noise was the roar of guns of an invading German army.

PRINCE OF WALES FUND, \$20,000,000 London, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Weies Fund for national relief to-day reached the total of \$20,600,000.

GERMANY VOTES \$1,250,000,000

Only One Ballot Cast in Reichstag Against New War Credit.

EMPEROR SENDS WARM GREETINGS

Tells Legislators He Is United with Them Until Death for the Fatherland.

Berlin, Dec. 2 .- With only one dissentient Herr Liebknecht, Socialist the Reichstag voted to-day a new war credit of 5,000,000,000 marks (\$1,250,-

The President, in a speech at the opening of the chamber, dwelt on the unity and patriotism of the German people and commented appreciatively people and commented appreciative, on the large number of members of the Reichstag who are serving the country at the front. In his exposition of the progress of the war the Presi-

dent said:
 "Japan joined dur enemies from a desire to seize as booty the monument to German culture in the Far East. On the other hand, we have found an aily in Turkey, as all the Moslem people wish to throw off the English voke and shatter the foundations of England's colonial power. Under the banner of our army and our fleet we will continue."

The Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von

tique."
The Impérial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, attended the session wearing the gray service uniform of a géneral. All the secretaries of state and the Prussian ministers were also present. Many of the membérs of the chamber were in uniform and wore teen Cressés. Iron Crossès.
In an address to the members of the chamber Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg

said:
"The Emperor is absent with the army, but he has charged me to transmit his best wishes and cordial greetings to the German House of Representatives, with whom he knows he is united until death, in stress or danger, in common concert for the weal of the fathering.

"Our first thoughts go to the Em-"Our first thoughts go to the Emperor and the army and navy, who are fighting for the honor and greatness of the empire. Full of pride and with unshakable confidence, we look on them and our Austro-Hungarian comrades in arms, who are firmly united to us, to fight and to win great battles with builting heaver.

brilliant bravery.

"Our latest sily in the war forced upon us is the Ottoman Empire, which well knows that if the German-Empire were destroyed it, too, would lose its national right to arrange its own destroyed in the company of t tiny. As our enemies have formed a powerful coalition against us, they will, I hope, find that the arm of our brave allies reaches the weak spots in their world positions." Confident of the Outlook.

The Imperial Chancellor said that since the Reichstag had expressed the

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"England's pretended defence of Belgium's neutrality was nothing but a pretext. We notified Belgium that the necessities of self-defence would compel us to march through Belgium on the evening of August 2, but already, on the arternoon of Saturday, August 1 Before anything of any demarche at Brussels could have been known to London, the British govern-

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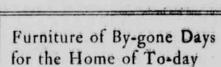
which is a diagrace to civilization. The world must learn that none can hurt a hair of the head of a German subject with Impunity.

"It is evident to us who is responsibile for this greatest of all wars. The apparent responsibility falls on these in Russia who ordered and executed the mobilization of the Russian army, and the responsibility falls on the responsibi

to 87% and cheeks to 87%, an advance of 1 cent over Tuesday's last prices. At the same time sterling exchange declined moderately. Cables got down to 4.89%, and demand to 4.88%, notwithstanding that some of the largest banking heures, with foreign connections, were buyers of sterling in preparation, for obligations coming due aproad around the 15th of the month Austrian kronen moved up with German marks, going from 17.39 sents to 17.40. There was no new explanation for this fise in either, the buying of drafts to make payment for Sales of

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